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A LETTER;

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From Captaine *George Byard*, Governour of *Tickhill Caſtle*, to Generall *Pointz* Commander in chiefe of all the Forces within the Northern Aſſociation.

Wherein is fully ſet forth the number and diſtracted condition the Kings Army is in.

Related by a Trumpeter which revolted from them to us, That his Majeſty being there in Perſon as herein is expreſt.

Alſo the private diſcourſe of the Duke of *Lenox* and others, what they intend to adviſe the King to doe, if ayde come not ſuddenly, viz. *To burne the Countrey*, &c.

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The Copy of a Letter ſent from Captaine Geo. Byard, Governour of Tickhil-Caſtle, to Generall Points, Commander in Chiefe of all the Forces within the Northerne Aſſociation.

Right Honourable,

ON the 17. Inſtant, being Sabbath day laſt, there came about Fourteene hundred Horſe, and faced this Garriſon, and gave us a hot alarm, came into Town in the night, and gave great Threats but not much feared, and wee let fly amongſt them, and did ſome execution. On Munday 18. in the morning Sir *William Blaxton* ſent his Trumpet with onely a Paſſe under his hand to

demand this Caſtle, the which when I ſaw and heard, I told him hee was in my cuſtody whether I would let him depart back again, Sir *W. Blaickſtone* not having written his Demand, and for any thing I knew they might bee *Iriſh* Rebels, but gave him leave to be gone, and if any had Authority to demand this place, let them expreſſe it in writing: which Trumpet preſently returned, and brought me a peremtory Letter, to which I returned a ſuitable Anſwer; The Trumpet had formerly bin one of ours in the South, and taken Priſoner by them, was for his Releaſe forced to ſerve; deſired that hee might be received into this Garriſon, which I wae willing to offer after hee had delivered his Meſſage. I feared a Plot, but he proved honeſt & came, who told me that abſolutely the King is with them,

Sir

Sir *T. Glemham*, *Gerrard*,& *Laugdale*,and the *Lo. St. Foll*, with the *Newarke* Forces, they are in all as they ſay, or as far as he can think about four or five thouſand, only five hundred and fifty Dragoons, which formerly was Foot that went with *Glemham* out of the North, and about a hundred Foot that came from *Litchfield*, which they are horſing on the way: He tels me they themſelves ſcarſe know whither to goe, being ſo diſtracted,& their intent is,if they cannot Recruit in theſe Northern parts, to get the King to ſome place of ſhipping, and to Sea,and then if no recruits come or aſſiſtance from other parts, to burne the Country before them,this reſolution the Trumpet tels me one of the Generals Trump. hear to be the diſcourſe of the D.of *Linox*,and ſome others, but beleeve it Sir they are mightyfearfull,

and all their Souldiers poorly accomodated, the beſt of many of their weapons being a ruſty Sword and a guilty Conſcience, for they undoe all before them, and though I had but few men, was loath they ſhould goe ſo. I ſent out my Lieutenant with ſome twenty Horſe, which though their Rearguard was not before drawne off, yet when they ſaw him and his men reſolute, retreated towards their Body, but they made a ſhift to bring mee in ſixe Priſoners, nine Horſes, ſome ſlaine, ſome few wounded of their men, Colonell *Vaughans* Clerke a Gentleman of worth as he reporteth himſelfe to bee, and I beleeve it, by his Accoltrements (Colonell Page) one Corporall, 3 others who will not confeſſe to have any place. Laſt night, Sir, I beleeve the King quartered about Sir *Iohn Reyſebyes*

Reyſebyes, or the Counteſſe of *Staffords*, and will as long as they ſtay in or about *Doncaſter*. This a true Relation, (onely their plundring which I know you are acquainted with) and all I have to write, but my Service preſented to your ſelfe. I humbly remaine,

Your Servant to command,

Geo. Byard.

Tickhill Caſtle, 19. Aug. 1645.
two a Clocke in the morning.

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